IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P.S.NARAYANA

WRIT PETITION No.17130 of 2006

Between:

D.Venkata Ratnam.

..... PETITIONER

AND

**1.Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission,
rep. by its Secretary, Bhudda Bhavan,
Secunderabad, and 3 others.**

.....RESPONDENTS

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P.S.NARAYANA

Writ Petition No.17130 of 2006

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus declaring the election of 4th respondent as ward member of Gowripatnam Gram Panchayat as illegal, irregular and violative of provisions of A.P.Panchayat Raj Act and rules framed

there under and offends Article 14 of Constitution of India and consequently declare the petitioner as elected member of said ward.

It is stated that both the petitioner and the fourth respondent got equal number of votes. Several other factual details also had been narrated in Paras 3, 4 and 5 of the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Petition.

In view of several of the factual controversies raised in the Writ Petition, the petitioner is having an appropriate alternative remedy by way of election petition. Liberty is given to the petitioner to approach the Election Tribunal, if he is so advised.

With the aforesaid observation, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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17th August, 2006

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